

Gita Goven

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Words of wisdom: "There is a depth of dignity, reliance and wisdom and huge generosity in the spirit of African women. Bring it out. Stand together and work together."

Gita Goven, Founding Partner and CEO of ARG Design

Gita Goven is one of South Africa's foremost sustainability thinkers. As **Founding Partner and CEO of ARG Design**, she has pioneered a practice of socially and environmentally transformative design that includes landmark projects such as the MiCiti Bus Stations, Joe Gcabi Transport Interchange, amongst several others. ARG Design engages the disciplines of Urban Design, Planning and Environmental Management, Architecture and Landscape Architecture, and Water and Food security systems. ARG Design and Gita Goven have received numerous awards and accolades for their work in sustainable built environment.



Gita was the second black woman in South Africa to qualify as an architect, and remains the only black woman to head an interdisciplinary Architectural and Urban Design Practice.

She currently chairs the team of the Wescapere regenerative settlement design project to build 200 000 households in a regenerative city extension to the city of Cape Town. The Wescapere flagship project brings together globally renowned partners, concepts and technologies together with local knowledge and experts into the city-making project of our lifetime.

Gita chairs the following:

- The Sustainability Institute Board
- CommuniTgrow, which is a joint venture between Bellandia, ARG Design, Ariya Projects and Pact Developers created to build regenerative communities and settlements.
- The private sector driven Wescapere regenerative settlement project in the City of Cape Town for 200 000 mixed income households

Gita serves on the following:

- Provincial inter-ministerial advisory board of GreenCape
- The climate change think-tank process of the City of Cape Town and the African Centre for Cities

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